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## **THE PUBLIC CAN PARTICIPATE THROUGH THE ZOOM CLOUD MEETING APPLICATION AND CLICKING ON THE FOLLOWING LINK:**

**Meeting ID 447 872 7673**

**Join URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4478727673>**

We ask the public to mute their phone or mic until Public Participation  
If you have any questions, please contact Matt Trout at [mtrout@freeburg.com](mailto:mtrout@freeburg.com)

April 13, 2026

### **NOTICE MEETING OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE Trash/Water/Sewer (Kaiser/Blaies/Meehling/Miller)**

A Public Works Committee Meeting of the Village of Freeburg will be held at the Municipal Center, Executive Board Room, on **Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 5:45 p.m.**

#### **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA**

- I. Items to be Reviewed
  - A. Old Business
    - 1. Approval of March 11, 2026 Minutes
    - 2. Sewer Issues
    - 3. FSH Minutes
    - 4. Water System Upgrades
    - 5. Trash Contract
  - B. New Business
  - C. General Concerns
  - D. Public Participation
  - E. Adjourn

At said Committee Meeting, the Village Board of Trustees may vote on whether or not to hold an Executive Session to discuss potential litigation, [5 ILCS, 120/2 - (c)(11)]; the selection of a person to fill a public office [5 ILCS, 120/2 - (c) (3)] personnel [5 ILCS, 120/2 - (c) (1)]; real estate transactions [5 ILCS, 120/2 - (c) (5)]; or collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)]

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Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 5:45 p.m.

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The Public Works Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:51 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, by Chairman Bob Kaiser. Members present were Chairman Bob Kaiser, Trustee Mike Blaies, Trustee Lisa Meehling, Trustee Dana Miller, Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard (absent), Trustee Tom Carpenter, Trustee Ray Matchett, Village Attorney Fred Keck, Public Works Director Chris Remick, Crew Leader Bob Jenkins, Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer, Village Administrator Matt Trout, Village Engineer Tim Pruett, and Office Manager Mary Downen. Guest present: Janet Baechle. There were no guests present via Zoom.

## A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of February 11, 2026 Minutes: Trustee Dana Miller motioned to recommend to the full Board approval of the February 11, 2026 minutes, Trustee Mike Blaies seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. Sewer issues: Nothing to report.
3. FSH Minutes: Nothing new.
4. Water System Upgrades: Nothing new.
5. Trash Contract: Village Administrator Matt Trout said he has a meeting set-up with our representative from Waste Management next week.

## B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. TWM Invoice #94750 – Consulting services from July 11, 2024 to November 14, 2025 in the amount of \$18,617.06: Village Engineer Tim Pruett explained the services that were performed.

Trustee Dana Miller motioned to send to the full Board TWM Invoice #94750 – Consulting services from July 11, 2024 to November 14, 2025 in the amount of \$18,617.06, and Trustee Lisa Meehling seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

2. TWM Invoice 95114 – Consulting services from December 10, 2025 to December 10, 2025 in the amount of \$4,936.38: Tim explained the services that were performed.

Trustee Dana Miller motioned to send to the full Board TWM Invoice #95114 – Consulting services from December 10, 2025 to December 10, 2025 in the amount of \$4,936.38, and Trustee Lisa Meehling seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

3. East Lagoon – EPA: Matt gave an update on the oil spill last week.
4. East Water Tower: Matt said this is the one that is going to be replaced in Phase 2 of the water system upgrade; however, there is a leak that needs be repaired now. He said Public

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Works Director Chris Remick received a proposal for the repair from Elevation Coatings and Restoration, LLC for \$11,950.

*Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to send to the full Board to accept the proposal Elevation Coatings and Restoration, LLC for repair of East Water Tower in the amount of \$11,950 and additional \$150 if necessary, and Trustee Mike Blaies seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*

5. USEPA Letter: Matt said Attorney Keck talked about it last meeting. It basically states that we no longer need to submit the quarterly reports.

**C. GENERAL CONCERNS:** None.

**D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

**E. ADJOURN:** *Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:04 p.m. and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Mary Downen  
Office Manager

F.S.H. WATER COMMISSION  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2026 MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER. The meeting of F.S.H. Water Commission was called to order by President Kenneth Vielweber in the Village of Freeburg at 7:30 PM with the following present: Kenneth Vielweber, John Tolan, Gary Wittenauer, Joel L Boeving, Chad Rhutasel, & Bryan Vogel.
2. MINUTES. John Tolan motioned and Joel Boeving seconded to approve the January 27th minutes. Motion carried. (4-0).
3. MARCH MEETING AND HEARING DATE. Next meeting and hearing date will be March 24, 2026 at 7:30 PM.
4. GUESTS. None.
5. CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS.
  - A. The S.L.M. meeting minutes for February 18th were distributed. The S.L.M. auditor was present. A profit of \$400,000 was reported for the period, therefore S.L.M. will not raise water rates this year.
  - B. Kaskaskia Watershed meeting scheduled for March 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - C. Core of Engineers is raising the Carlyle Lake level one foot higher for summer pool. S.L.M. to look into installing a well for low water intervention.
6. TREASURER'S REPORT. Treasurer's report, claims and bills for February were presented. Motion to approve the bills and reports as presented was made by Gary Wittenauer and seconded by John Tolan. Motion carried by roll call vote. (4-0).
7. INVESTMENTS. Investments as of February 24, 2026 are as follows:

Bank	Amount	Rate	Term	Maturity	Payments	Cert. #
Citizens Bank	\$768,772.23	4.00%	7 MO	02/26/26	Monthly	55737424
Citizens Bank	\$275,519.45	3.00%	47MO	08/25/26	Quarterly	55737420
Citizens Bank	\$103,124.47	3.80%	06 MO	06/27/26	Monthly	55737426
Citizens Bank	\$202,066.85	4.10%	18 MO	05/30/27	Monthly	55737428
Citizens Bank	\$111,041.13	3.00%	47MO	07/09/26	Quarterly	55737418
Citizens Bank	\$111,041.13	3.00%	47 MO	07/09/26	Quarterly	55737419
Citizens Bank	\$300,000.00	3.25%	120 MO	09/26/28	Quarterly	55737416
Citizens Bank	\$000,000.00	0.00%	00 MO	00/00/00	Quarterly	00000000
Citizens Bank	\$228,035.88	4.10%	18 MO	04/26/26	Quarterly	55737427
Citizens Bank	\$222,597.98	4.10%	7 MO	06/27/26	Monthly	55737423
Money Market	\$156,570.62	0.35%	N/A		Monthly	11977602

8. ENGINEER'S REPORT.
  - A. Larry was not present.
  - B.
9. HYDRO SERVICES, INC.
  - A. Chad reported he was contacted for a water leak but was determined to be a Village of Freeburg water line.
  - B. John reported less than a dozen Freeburg customers are still on the F.S.H. line.
  - C.
  - D.
  - E.
10. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS.
  - A. Vielweber: Nothing
  - B. Joel Boeving: Joel reported Smithton is not interested in participating in an early contract renewal.
  - C. Tolan: Nothing.
  - D. Wittenauer: Gary inquired where we are at with the proposed contract renewal. John said Freeburg will proceed with revisions.
11. ADJOURN. Gary Wittenauer motioned and John Tolan seconded to adjourn at 7:46 PM; motion carried (4-0). The meeting was adjourned until March 24th, 7:30 PM.

Chairman – Kenneth Vielweber

Clerk - Bryan A. Vogel